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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDDY
GENERAL CHAMBERLIN
ADMIRAL INGLIS
GENERAL McDONALD

Subject: Revision of the Charters of the JIC and the JIS

1. Under date of 24 June 1947 the Joint Chiefs of Staff referred to the Director of Central Intelligence its SA-8457 stating that the JCS have under consideration revision of the charters of the Joint Intelligence Committee and the Joint Intelligence Staff, and requesting comment on the tentatively revised charters which were attached.

2. After reference to the record of the discussions which have taken place in the IAB, which indicated the universal desire for some positive step to insure full coordination of the activities of the JIC and the IAB, I submit the attached CIG draft of a charter for the Joint Intelligence Committee to the IAB for its advice, comment or concurrence in the belief that the JCS draft does not insure the required and desired cooperation and coordination between the intelligence organizations supporting on the one hand the NIA and the President, and on the other the JCS.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that the attached CIG draft suppresses the JIS, transfers most of its responsibilities to the CIG, and creates a secretariat for the JIC to handle those matters which are considered inappropriate to the CIG.

4. It is the opinion of the Director of Central Intelligence that the adoption of the CIG draft would eliminate the danger of conflicting intelligence estimates, facilitate the establishment of single priority standards for intelligence requests to the civilian agencies of the Government competent to collect and compile intelligence data, and insure that the JCS will receive intelligence, national in scope, when it so requires it without in any way creating a barrier between its members and their respective departmental intelligence agencies which might impede the flow of strictly military intelligence.

5. It is the present intention of the Director of Central Intelligence to submit the attached CIG draft, together with such statements of comment or concurrence as may be received from the IAB members, to the NIA for voting slip approval. Since a reply to the Joint Chiefs of Staff should be made at an early date, it is requested that IAB comment, if any, be in the hands of the Secretary, NIA, within one week of the date of this memorandum.

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6. In referring this draft to the NIA for approval, it is not the intention of the Director of Central Intelligence that the reply to the Joint Chiefs of Staff will be in the name of the NIA but only in the form of comments of the Director of Central Intelligence as requested by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Signed "July '47

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Enclosure:
CIG Draft of JIC Charter

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